



United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral Lawrence S. Rice **Director, Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Readiness Division (N45)**

Rear Admiral Lawrence S. Rice, a native of Los Angeles, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering on May 30, 1979. He received his wings and was designated a Naval Aviator on Sept. 1, 1981 after undergoing training at Training Squadron (VT) 27, VT 26, and VT 24 in Corpus Christi, Texas and Beeville, Texas.



Following replacement fighter training in the F-14 tomcat at VF 124, Naval Air Station Miramar, Rear Adm. Rice was assigned to the Bounty Hunters of VF 2 onboard USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63). Additional fleet tours include VF 111 "Sundowners" onboard the USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70) and another tour in VF 2 where he served as Executive Officer and then Commanding Officer. Following nuclear power training he reported as the Executive Officer of the USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65). He also served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Training and Exercises for Strike Fleet/2nd Fleet in Norfolk. He has commanded the USS *Cleveland* (LPD 7) and the *Enterprise*.

Shore duty assignments have taken him to VF 124 as an instructor pilot and Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic Fleet where he served as the aide to the Commander in Chief. He was then selected to serve as VF 124's Executive Officer.

In January 1993, he attended Harvard Business School's Program for Management Development, in Boston. He also has a master's degree from the Naval War College.

Rear Adm. Rice has accumulated over 3,700 F-14 and F/A-18 hours and 800 carrier landings. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medals, an Air Medal (Strike Flight), Navy Commendation Medals, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

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